

13 October 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SR-71/OXCART Study Group

This purpose of this Study Group is to make a comparison between the SR-71 and the OXCART. This report is to be completed by 1 December for the JCS. The EXSUBCOM has delayed their action ~~for 90 days~~ for 90 days. Guidelines for a comparison are:

- A. Resolution between photographic system (all present and projected system).
- b. Swath width for all photographic system.
- c. Useable interpretation coverage.
- d. Film ~~capacity~~ capacity
- e. Light level
- f. All weather
- g. Targeting

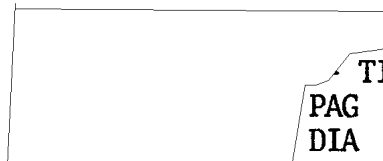
This comparison report must be agreed upon by ~~DIA~~ DIA and NPIC.

JCR, OPCIN and SAC people are preparing the flight path for the SR-71 and OXCART missions which will be the same path for both vehicles. Areas to be covered ^{are} as the same as the Black Shield Missions; cities, marshalling yards, missile complexes, port facilities, ships, radar, military complexes and aircraft installations.

The SR-71 and OXCART missions will be flown next Wednesday, 18 October. These vehicles will fly one hour apart over the same flight path. It will be flown again on Friday, 20 October. The OXCART material will be processed at EK and the SR-71 at Beale AFB. The film will then be shipped to NPIC for

analysis. If a camera should fail or any other malfunction the aircrafts ^{fly} will on Tuesday, 24 October.

A team will leave Tuesday evening from NPIC and DIA. Names are

 IPD
TID
PAG
DIA


STAT

They will review computer soft ware and PI procedures with ~~SAC personnel~~ personnel at Beale AFB.

Technical Characteristics

Intelligence content of both systems

The original (ON) and 2 DP's will arrive at NPIC.

The Study Group report is to be completed by 15 November. The final report is to be completed by 1 DEcember to present to the JCS. The classification will be SECRET/No Foreign.  is looking into the possibility of a Project name. STAT

PI analysis will be done by ~~NPIC/PAW~~ NPIC/PAG and augmented by DIAAP-9 and FTD. Technical evaluation will be done by TID, NRSTC, FTD, DIAAP-9 and SpAD. OSA will be an observer.

EMR - NAS will be ~~tasked~~ tasked to do. FTD will be an observed.

ELINT evaluation by FTD/NSA. OSA and DIA will be an observer.

IR - Rome with FTD and NRSTC giving ~~sp~~ support.

HRR - Rome and NRSTC.